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Addendum

Programme questions: proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

(Item 4 (a))

Section 16

Crime prevention and criminal justice

1. At its 14th meeting, on 19 June 2003, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 16, Crime prevention and criminal justice, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/58/6 (Sect. 16)).
2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced section 16 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. The Committee welcomed the use of videoconferencing facilities to conduct the meeting. The presentation of the budget fascicle was welcomed and complimented.
4. Support was expressed for the overall objectives and activities undertaken by the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the Office on Drugs and Crime. The importance of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme as well as of the assistance provided by the Centre to Member States was stressed.



5. Appreciation was expressed for the formulation of the results-based budgeting logical framework. Views were expressed that the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement were better formulated and fully reflected the work being done by the Centre. The absence of expected accomplishments with regard to money-laundering was noted.
6. Strong support was expressed for the Centre's technical cooperation activities. The increase in technical cooperation projects was welcomed. A view was expressed that some activities were better carried out by affiliate research institutions. The absence of specific legislative mandates for some expert group meetings was noted. The call for gender mainstreaming was welcomed.
7. A view was also expressed that the programme of work should reflect a balance between "hard crimes", such as transnational organized crime and terrorism, and good governance issues such as norms and standards, corruption and the promotion of fair and efficient criminal justice systems.
8. Activities related to the prevention of international terrorism were fully endorsed. Coordination with the Security Council committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism (Counter-Terrorism Committee) was appreciated. It was pointed out that the development of special expertise in countering terrorism should be made available to Member States.
9. Clarification was requested regarding any review process undertaken of the usefulness of outputs in accordance with regulation 5.6 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation. Clarification was also requested concerning review of publications in terms of how they are disseminated, who the readers are and whether assessments are made of the impact of the publications.
10. The Programme was encouraged to deliver from regular budget resources all mandates related to transnational organized crime, corruption and crime prevention, and to utilize extrabudgetary resources to supplement regular budget resources.
11. The view was expressed that reports and/or meetings on issues intersecting with the ongoing work of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Negotiation of a Convention against Corruption would be most appropriately addressed within the framework of the Convention, when finished, and should therefore not be dealt with by the Centre for International Crime Prevention.
12. The view was also expressed that as work is already being done on the issue of cybercrime in a number of international forums, the Centre should not entertain proposals for reports and/or expert meetings on this issue, especially given the limited amount of United Nations resources.

Conclusions and recommendations

13. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 16, Crime prevention and criminal justice, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, subject to the following modification:**

Table 16.7(e)

Under Indicators of achievement, replace the word "number" with the word "percentage" and adjust performance measures accordingly.

14. The Committee requested that programme managers within section 16 comply fully with the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation.